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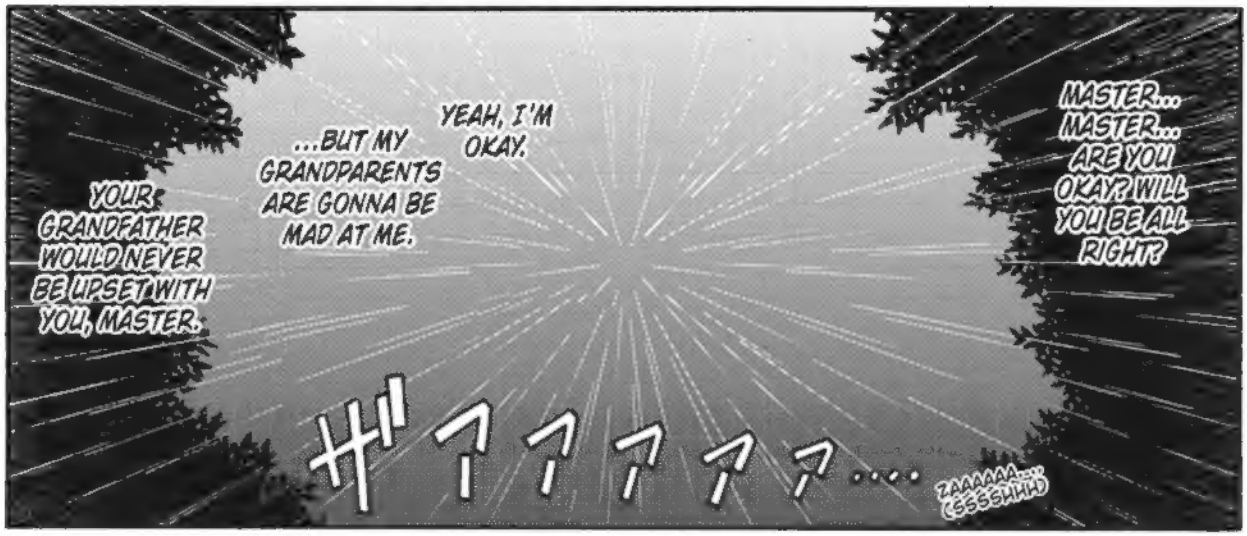

MASTER... MASTER... ARE YOU OKAY? WILL YOU BE ALL RIGHT?
YEAH, I'M OKAY.
...BUT MY GRANDPARENTS ARE GONNA BE MAD AT ME.
YOUR GRANDFATHER WOULD NEVER BE UPSET WITH YOU, MASTER.
ZAAAAAA... (SSSSHHH)

IT'S OKAY. AS LONG AS I HAVE YOU, I'M NOT SCARED.
EITHER WAY, I WISH TO APOLOGIZE TO YOU...I LET YOU GET HURT EVEN THOUGH I WAS WITH YOU.

JUST HAVING YOU WITH ME MAKES ME FEEL BETTER.
MASTER.

CHUN
WITH... ME...
CHUN (CHIRP)

MENAGERIE 7: CONFUSED FOREST CAT

WHA...
WHA-WHA-WHA...?
ムニュッ
MUNYUU (SQUEEZE)
H-H-H-H-H!...
ZZZ ZZZ ...
.....?

NN...
C-CALM DOWN. IF I... C-CAUSE A RACKET NOW...
...HIMARI WILL WAKE UP AND CATCH ME...
UH... NN...
PUNI
PUNI (PINCH)
PUNI
PUNI
BUT HER SLEEPING FACE IS SO CUTE. AND HER BREASTS ARE SO SOFT. I'VE WANTED TO FEEL THEM FOR SO LONG.
I JUST CAN'T SEEM TO MOVE MY RIGHT HAND.
UWAH, WHAT AM I THINKING?
I OUGHTA JUST TAKE MY HAND AWAY AND GET OUT OF BED.
EASY PEASY.
ZZZ...
...DO YOU ENJOY GIRLS' BREASTS, YOUNG LORD?

OR DO YOU ONLY ENJOY MINE?
HM?
UHYA AAAH!!
I'M SORRY! I'M SORRY, I DIDN'T MEAN TO ...!!
IT IS ALL RIGHT. IT IS EMBARRASSING TO ADMIT, BUT BEING TOUCHED BY YOU...IS NOT OFFENSIVE TO ME.
HUH?
BICHA (SPLAT)
"SPLAT" ...?

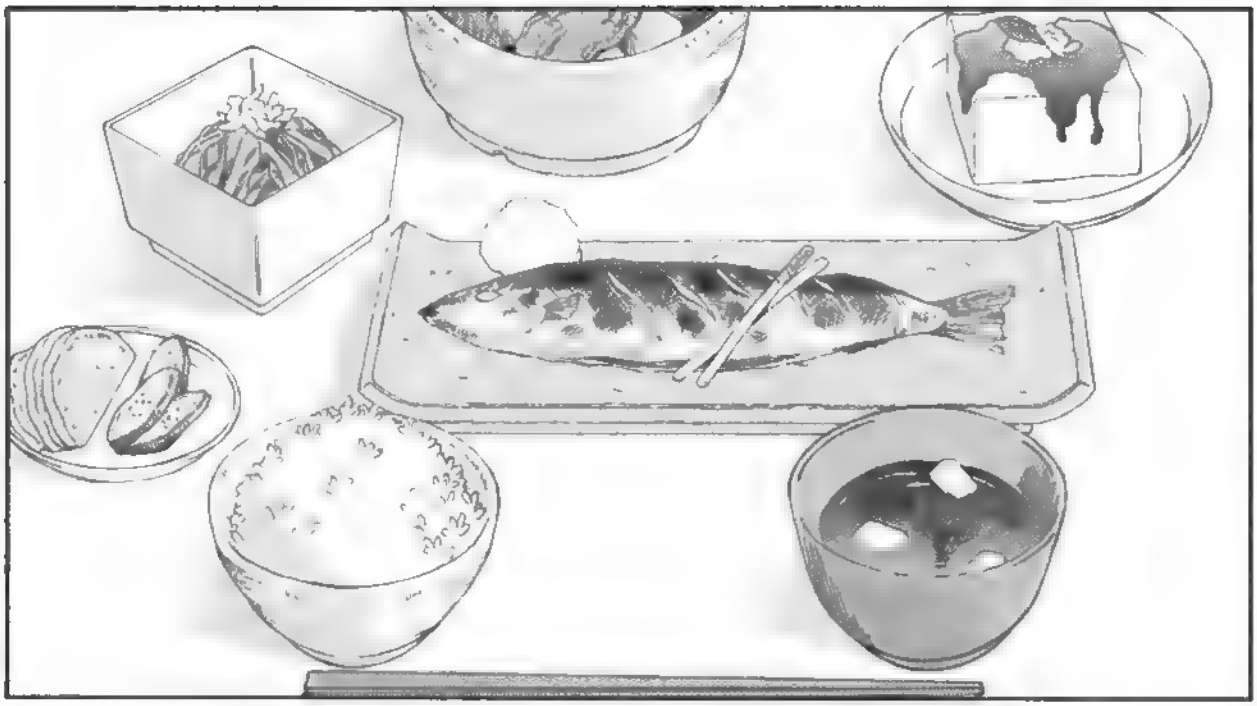
WHY IS MY LOWER HALF ALL WET!?
I-I-IT COULDN'T BE! AT MY AGE~!!
DON'T TELL ME IT'S BECAUSE HIMARI'S BESIDE ME...
BA (WHIP)
GOOD MORN-ING...
...YOU KNOW.
OH...
SHE CUT HER HAIR...?

SHA (SWING)
HYU (WHOOSH)
I HAD WORRIED THAT YOU WOULD ATTEMPT TO BEHEAD US IN OUR SLEEP, BUT...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, MIZUCHI?
YOU GOT UP QUICK, KITTY... YOU KNOW.
I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU I WAS GOING TO KEEP AN EYE ON THE DEMON SLAYER, YOU KNOW ...
A SORRY EXCUSE FOR STEALING INTO THE SLEEPING QUARTERS I SHARE WITH THE YOUNG LORD...!
UH, THIS IS ACTUALLY JUST MY BED.

HOW LEWD...
YUUTO AMAKAWA, DO YOU ALWAYS SLEEP WITH THIS CAT...YOU KNOW?
NO, NOT AL-WAYS !!
...AND DIRTY... YOU KNOW.
BOSO (PSST)
DIRTY...
LEWD...
GAAAAN (SHOOOOCK)
BASKING IN EACH OTHER'S WARMTH GIVES US PEACE OF MIND.
LEWD? NONSENSE.
GU (HUG)

WELL, WELL.
IF THAT'S ALL, THEN THERE'S NO PROBLEM WITH ME COMING TO BED WITH YOU TOO... YOU KNOW.
ZUU (PRESS)
THERE IS, THERE IS, THERE IS!
I SLEEP BEST WHEN I'M BY MYSELF!
I WON'T KILL YOU IN YOUR SLEEP, BUT...
KUI (TUG)
KUI
...YOU CAN LOOK FORWARD TO BEING KEPT UP ALL HOURS OF THE DAY AND NIGHT, YOU KNOW...
PIKU (TWITCH)
DON'T BE FOOLED, YOUNG LORD! SHE ONLY MEANS TO DECEIVE YOU!!
HMPH, YOU RAUNCHY CAT. YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S MORE LIKELY TO TEMPT HIM INTO X-RATED LECHERY HELL, YOU KNOW!
NYAH NYAH NYAH!
LIKE THE YOUNG LORD WOULD BE SATISFIED WITH THOSE MOSQUITO BITES!
STOP IT, BOTH OF YOU!! WHO KNOWS WHAT RINKO WILL SAY IF SHE SEES YOU LIKE THIS...
WHAT'S THAT ON TOP OF MY HEAD?

GEH! RINKO!!
WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT ME...?
AW, ISN'T THAT NICE~. YOU'VE GOT TWO KNOCK-OUT...
...IMPOSTORS WAITING ON YOU HAND AND FOOT~. ♡
...THAT YOU ALL GET ALONG SO WELL.
SO VERY NICE INDEED ...
NOSSHI (MARCH)
NOSSHI
BAKYA (SNAP)
GOSU (BAN)
GOSU
GOSU
GOSU
GYOH !!
HOW PROPER !!



A TRADITIONAL JAPANESE MEAL!
OOOH~!

HUH? THEN WHO...?
I-IT WASN'T ME. IT WAS ALREADY MADE WHEN I GOT HERE.

WOW, RINKO. YOU REALLY OUTDID YOURSELF THIS TIME.
HUH?

HMPH!

DON'T TELL ME, THIS IS SHIZUKU'S DOING?
NO WAY!?
JUST HURRY UP AND EAT... YOU KNOW.
もし
MOKU (MMPH)
MOKU
ぱ
PAKU (POP)
THIS... THIS IS GOOD ...
NGU (CHEW)
んぐ
んぐ
NGU
KUH... NOT HALF BAD.

HOW CAN THIS BE? I WOULD HAVE TO TRAIN TWO OR THREE DAYS TO PULL OFF SOMETHING LIKE THIS...
POSSIBLY EVEN A FORTNIGHT...
BAKU
BAKU (MUNCH)
HIMARI?
KATA (CLATTER)
WE'VE BROKEN OUR FAST, SO I THINK I'LL DO SOME LAUNDRY.
I ALREADY FINISHED THAT...YOU KNOW.

SORRY IT WAS TOO DIRTY FOR YOU~.
I DID THAT YESTERDAY... YOU KNOW. I DON'T WANT TO LIVE IN A DIRTY HOUSE.
THEN, I'LL DUST...
THIS LOLITA GIRL REALLY KNOWS HER STUFF...
UWAH, SHE'S PUSHING HIMARI'S BUTTONS NOW.

THIS IS STANDARD, YOU KNOW.
BUT I'M SURPRISED...
...THAT YOU'RE SO GOOD AT HOUSEKEEPING, SHIZUKU.
IF THIS KEEPS UP, MY OWN POSITION'S IN TROUBLE!!
WAIT! THIS IS NO TIME TO BE WORRYING ABOUT THAT CAT!
NOOOO!
BEFORE WE HAD TO WORRY ABOUT DEMON SLAYERS ...
...EVERYDAY SKILLS LIKE THIS WERE FAR MORE IMPORTANT THAN FIGHTING...YOU KNOW.
ZA (ZIP)
ZA
BUT...

CAT... ALL THIS BOY WANTS IS A PEACEFUL LIFE, AND ALL YOU KNOW HOW TO DO IS FIGHT. WHAT USE ARE YOU, THEN?
WHAT CAN YOU GIVE HIM...YOU KNOW?
HMPH...

IT ONLY MAKES SENSE.
THE SWORD IS NOT NEEDED IN TIMES OF PEACE.
SU (SWISH)
AH, HIMARI!
IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO, GO SHOPPING, YOU KNOW.
THE FRIDGE IS TOTALLY EMPTIED OUT
.....
VERY WELL.
...SO, WHAT ARE YOU SCHEMING?
YOU'RE ALSO GOOD AT MAKING GREEN TEA
寿

SCHEMING ...?
IT'S JUST WEIRD!
JUST YESTERDAY YOU WERE TRYING TO KILL HIM. NOW YOU'RE SERVING HIM!
DAN (SLAM)
HMPH. IF THAT'S HOW HE THINKS, THEN WHY NOT BRING HIM TO OUR SIDE?
NO NEED TO SPILL BLOOD IF WE CAN AVOID IT.
MM-HM, MM-HM
AND IF ANOTHER DEMON SLAYER SHOWS UP IN THE FUTURE, HE COULD BE OUR WILD CARD.
SHIZUKU, TRICK THAT GULLIBLE KID INTO JOINING US.
OKAY, YOU KNOW ...
FEW HUMAN MEN CAN RESIST A LITTLE GIRL'S FORM LIKE THIS...
...YOU KNOW.
THIS KID REALLY DOESN'T HIDE ANY-THING...
WH-WHAT DID YOU SAYYY!!?
BAN (BANG)

GYAAAH!?
PERON (HIKE)
TRICK HIM INTO JOINING YOU!? WHY THAT'S ...!
YUUTO WOULD NEVER ACCEPT AN OFFER FROM YOU!!
I HAVE A SENSE OF HIS WEAKNESS FOR THE OTHER SEX, MORE OR LESS...
Y-YUUTO, DID YOU SEE ANYTHING!? YOU DID, DIDN'T YOU!!?
N-N-N-NO! UH, I'M GOING TO LOOK FOR HIMARI!
HYUU (WOOO)

HIMARI!

DO NOT WASTE YOUR CONCERN ON ME.
I TOLD SHIZUKU THIS TOO, BUT YOU CAN JUST SPLIT UP THE CHORES...
SUTO (THUD)

OH, YOUNG LORD. FORGIVE ME, BUT I HAVEN'T FINISHED MY ERRAND YET.
HIMARI.

THAT IS ENOUGH, YOUNG LORD.

WHAT SHE SAID WAS TRUE. I AM A CRIMSON BLADE. FIGHTING IS THE ONLY THING I KNOW HOW TO DO.
BUT... COME ON, YOU MADE THAT BOX LUNCH FOR ME TOO, HIMARI.

'TIS TRUE... THE MIZUCHI MAY HAVE BESTED ME THIS TIME, BUT I HAVE A JOB TO DO TOO.
A BODY-GUARD HAS HER PRIDE AS A BODY-GUARD.
I NEED NO PITY.
BUT, HIMARI...
SAVE YOUR BREATH.
I WON'T LOSE.
A SWORD IS ONLY A SWORD.
IF NOBODY NEEDS IT, DOES IT DESERVE TO BE SHATTERED?

I FEEL BETTER WITH YOU AROUND, HIMARI.

NOT BECAUSE YOU'RE PROTECTING ME.

JUST HAVING YOU WITH ME MAKES ME FEEL BETTER.
JUST HAVING YOU NEAR GIVES ME PEACE OF MIND.
...HMPH. UTTER NONSENSE...

I-IF YOU THINK THOSE WORDS ARE ENOUGH TO WIN ME OVER...
...THEN YOU'RE A FOOL.

COME ON, WE'RE GOING, YOUNG LORD. ACCOMPANY ME ON MY ERRANDS!
GU (GRAB)
H... HUH?
N...NO, I WASN'T TRYING TO WIN YOU OVER OR ANYTHING!!
D.D.Tu
2F
WHAT IS SHE TALKING ABOUT?
HM?
HM. GOING SHOPPING TOGETHER LIKE THIS PROBABLY MAKES US LOOK LIKE NEWLY-WEDS.
N-NEWLY-WEDS!?

PLEASE COME ON IN! ♡
OUR SHOP IS COMPLETELY REMODELED AND OPEN FOR BUSINESS!

UH... WHAT?
YOUNG LORD, I FOUND SOMETHING I CAN DO TOO.
UH-OH, I'VE GOT A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS.

MY NAME IS LIZLET L. CHELSIE.
...UH, SO YOU'RE THE NEW TEAM MEMBER, HIMARI-SAN, ARE YOU~?

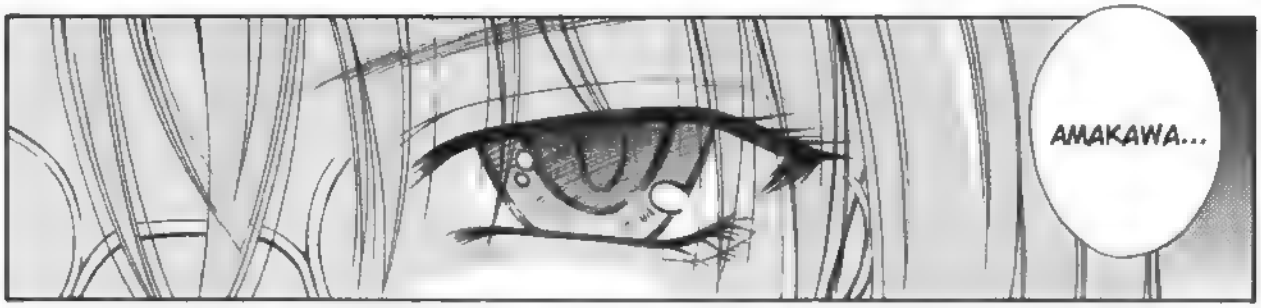
.....
N-NICE TO MEET...
UUH, SHE'S GLARING AT ME

YOU...
W-WELL THEN, I'LL TEACH YOU THE BASICS ON HOW TO DEAL WITH THE PATRONS, SO RIGHT THIS WAY...
TH-THAT MUST BE FROM ALL THE TEA!
...GIVE OFF A VERY INTERESTING SCENT UNLIKE ANY HUMAN, YOU KNOW THAT?
YOU'RE THE ONE COMING OFF LIKE SOME KIND OF ANIMAL~!!
EEEE!

MENAGERIE 8:
MAID IN KITTY

...HUH, SO THAT CAT PRINCESS GOT A JOB.
NO WONDER I HAVEN'T SEEN HER LATELY.
BUT WHY'D SHE SUDDENLY DECIDE TO START WORKING?
NOT THAT IT'S AGAINST THE RULES AT SCHOOL, OR ANYTHING.
I THINK IT REALLY HURT WHEN SHIZUKU TOLD HER THE OTHER DAY THAT SHE WASN'T CAPABLE OF ANYTHING.
I TRIED TO TELL HER NOT TO WORRY, THOUGH
IN OTHER WORDS, SHE JUST WANTS TO PROVE SHE'S NOT A FREE-LOADER... YOU KNOW.
IT'S TRUE THAT HOLDING A JOB IS SOMETHING THE CAT PRINCESS CAN DO THAT YOU CAN'T, SHIZUKU.
HMPH.

IF I GIVE A LITTLE SERVICE TO MEN LIKE THIS, IT'S A PIECE OF CAKE TO EARN ENOUGH TO GET BY ON...YOU KNOW.
WHOA, WHOA, WHOA, WHOA!!
GYUU (HUG)
I CAN EARN A LIVING IF I HAVE TO...
GEH! SAE-CHAN.
EXCUSE ME?
MISTER. OH, MISTER. I WON'T COST YOU MUCH... YOU KNOW.
YUUTO, YOU PEDO-PHILE...
AM NOT!
HM? WHY, IF IT ISN'T AMAKA-WA AND KUZAKI.
Y... YES, MA'AM! KISA-RAGI-SENSEI ~!
GURI (NOOGIE)
GURI
GURI
AIEEE!
THAT'S SENSEI TO YOU. SENSEI!



I'M NOT! AND NEVER WOULD!!

CUT IT OUT WITH THE SEX CRIMES. I'M NOT GONNA STICK MY NECK OUT IN YOUR DEFENSE.

WH-WH-WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, SENSEI!?

IF IT WAS WITH KUZAKI, THEN I WOULDN'T MIND.

YOU'RE YOUNG, SO I UNDERSTAND YOU'D WANT TO HOOK UP INDECENTLY WITH THE OPPOSITE SEX, BUT DON'T DO IT WITH CHILDREN.

IS SHE REALLY A TEACHER...?

...ALL JOKING ASIDE, WHO IS THIS KID?

I'M RELATED TO NOIHARA, YOU KNOW...
...I'M SHIZUKU...
NOIHARA... YOU MEAN HIMARI NOIHARA?
NOW THAT'S AN INTER-ESTING PAIRING.
THERE'S A CAFÉ I GO TO A LOT AROUND HERE.
ITS QUALITY HAS MY STAMP OF APPROVAL.
OH WELL. SINCE THIS IS SUCH A RARE OPPORTUNITY, JOIN ME FOR TEA. MY TREAT.
HUH?
SWEET! LUCKY! ♡

THE TEA I POUR IS CLEAR, BUT HAS A RICH AROMA...
THE LAST HUNDRED YEARS HAVE FLOWN SINCE I LEFT ENGLAND AND CAME TO JAPAN TO SPREAD DELICIOUS TEA.
...AND WHEN I SEE THE PEOPLE DRINK IT IN AND RELAX...
THERE HAVE BEEN UPS AND DOWNS, BUT NOW I'M HAPPY SPENDING EVERY DAY IN THIS BEAUTIFUL SHOP, SEEING THE SMILING FACES OF MY PATRONS.
♡
WELCOME! ♪
カラン カラーン
KARAN KARAAAN (CLANG)
...AHH, THERE IS NO GREATER JOY FOR A TEA SPRITE LIKE ME.

FOUR, PLEASE.
BFFT!?
WH-WH-WHA ...?
W-WILL THAT BE SMOKING OR...
YOU SMOKE!
SMOK-ING.
TH-THIS BOY GIVES OFF A VERY DISTRESSING SMELL...!
IT FEELS LIKE HE'S A GHOST-BUSTER OR A BEM HUNTER...
...ACK! IS HE ON TO ME!?
THAT'S THE GIRL WHO WAS PASSING OUT FLYERS BY THE STATION THE OTHER DAY... THEN IS HIMARI HERE TOO?
AH! YOUNG LORD!!

PURURIN (JIGGLE)
PIKO PIKO
PIKO (TWITCH)
YOU CAME, YOUNG LORD!
BA (FLAP)
HOW DO YOU LIKE MY MAID OUTFIT? ♡
HIMA... RI...
ZURU (DRIBBLE)

...WAID-DAMINUTE, WHAT'S WITH THE TAIL AND EARS!!?
IT'S MAKING MY NOSE RUN!
COME NOW, IF I LOOK CUTE, JUST SAY SO.
I MUST SAY, IT'S THE MOST PERPLEXING THING.
SO, NOIHARA, YOU'RE WORKING HERE?
OH, THE HOMEROOM TEACHER'S GRACED US WITH HER PRESENCE TOO.
PLEASE RELAX AND MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME.
HAVING CAT FEATURES DOESN'T RAISE A SINGLE EYEBROW IN THIS ESTABLISHMENT.
SCOOO (SNEAK)
GUSHU (SNIFFLE)
GUSHU
THAT'S PROBABLY THANKS TO ALL THE MAID CAFÉS TAKING OVER THE WORLD.
PEOPLE DON'T EVEN LOOK TWICE AT A SET OF CAT EARS
HIMARI-SAN!!
LET GO OF HIM, YOU SLUTTY SERVER!!
QUIT IT WITH THAT CAT MODE ALREADY!
BUT I AM A MAID WHO SOLELY SERVES THE YOUNG LORD AND NO OTHER!

...WE MUST RECEIVE ALL CUSTOMERS FAIRLY AND HONESTLY.
INDEED, AS GENUINE MAIDS...
あせ ASE
あせ ASE (SWEAT)
O-OUR JOB IS TO COMFORT AS MANY PATRONS AS POSSIBLE AND PROVIDE THEM WITH A RELAXING ATMO-SPHERE!
VERY WELL. I APOLOGIZE. I AM NEW AT THIS, AND I MADE A MISTAKE.
I'LL DO A GOOD JOB FROM NOW ON.
AND THAT—
GIVING SUCH A SURPLUS OF ATTENTION TO ONE ALONE GOES AGAINST THE CODE OF WAITRESSING!!
YOUNG LORD, JUST SO YOU KNOW...
...THAT FOREIGN GAL IS NOT HUMAN, SO WATCH YOURSELF.
!
UH... THAT GIRL IN THE MAID OUTFIT...
...IS AN AYAKASHI...?

H-HE'S WATCHING ME~. HE KEEPS GLANCING MY WAY~.
UUUR~
HAVING BEEN A WAITRESS SO LONG, I KNOW WHAT HIS GAZE MEANS.
THOSE EYES AREN'T SAYING HE'S INTERESTED IN ME OR MY MAID OUTFIT.
THOSE EYES...
I... I KNOW THERE ARE BEM HUNTERS IN THIS COUNTRY TOO.
KACHA (CLINK)
LIZ-CHAN, THIS IS FOR TABLE SEVEN.
...ARE KEEPING ME UNDER SURVEILLANCE!!
EEEEEK!
BUT I NEVER DREAMED ONE WOULD COME IN HERE...

AND JUDGING BY HER ATTITUDE FROM BEFORE, HIMARI-SAN IS IN CAHOOTS WITH HIM...
I'M CONVINCED THEY'RE SPYING ON ME.
LIZ-CHAN?
WITH THIS...I'LL SHOW THEM THE DOOR!!
THIS PLACE IS NOT JUST A SAFE HAVEN FOR THE PATRONS, BUT FOR ME TOO.
I MUST DEFEND IT AT ANY COST!
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LIZ-CHAN, DO YOUR JOB...
SFX: GOGOGOGOGO (RRRRUMBLE)
I DIDN'T WANT TO HAVE TO RESORT TO THIS, BUT I HAVE NO CHOICE.
GOSO (RUMMAGE)
GUNI! (PULL)
...OW OW!?

WH-WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA!?
YOU'VE BEEN STARING AT THAT MAID FOR TOO LONG~.
WHAT'S THIS, AMAKAWA? YOU LIKE THAT SORT OF THING?
WHA!?
YOU SHOULD TRY THAT ON SOME TIME, KUZAKI.
HEH HEH
W... WELCOME, MASTER.
WHAT WILL YOU HAVE TODAY? MASTER... YOU KNOW.
...WERE YOU IMAGINING IT JUST NOW? YOU WERE, WEREN'T YOU?
UH, NO. I WASN'T JUST THINKING HOW NICE THAT'D BE, HONEST...?
I FEEL LIKE HE HAD ME DRESSED UP TOO...YOU KNOW.

...ESPECIALLY SINCE HIMARI'S ALWAYS IN TRADITIONAL WEAR.
BUT THERE'S SOMETHING REFRESHING ABOUT WEARING SOMETHING DIFFERENT THAN THE USUAL GETUP...
WHAT ARE YOU DAWDLING FOR? HURRY UP AND ORDER!
YOU'LL RUIN THE TASTE THAT WAY!
OF ALL THE—! IF YOU CALL YOURSELF A MAN, THEN DON'T ADD SO MUCH SUGAR!
SFX: ZAAA (POUR)
OH, I KNOW THAT. IT'S CALLED TSUNDERE-SUKI.*
...THAT MIGHT ACTUALLY TAKE OFF IN THESE PARTS.
SHE SURE IS CUTE~.
*TSUNDERESUKI IS WHEN YOU LIKE SOMEONE EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE HARD ON YOU, MAYBE EVEN HATE YOU. IN FACT, YOU LIKE THOSE DIFFICULT QUALITIES ALL THE MORE!

THANK YOU FOR WAITING.
HERE'S YOUR EARL GREY, ASSAM, AND DARJEELING.
MM, THIS SMELLS GREAT~.
WELL, PLEASE ENJOY YOUR-SELVES.
KACHA (CLINK)

SFX: CHAPU (LAP) CHAPU

WH-WHAT'RE YOU DOING, SHIZUKU!?
WHAT IF THE SENSEI OR ANYONE ELSE SAW?
CHURLIN (SLURP)
BOSO (PSST)
HM, WHAT'S THE MATTER?
MOWAA (HAE?)
AH, N-NOTHING.
...IT'S POISONED.
HUH...?
CAT.
THE BLONDE GIRL DID IT...
...YOU KNOW.
DA (DASH)

SHUZA (STAB)
HYAAH!?
I...I'M A PACIFIST~.
I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT YOU ARE, SO I WAS WAITING UNTIL YOU MADE A MOVE, WHICH YOU INEVITABLY DID.
I AM THE NOIHARAS' CRIMSON BLADE AND THE YOUNG LORD'S BODYGUARD.
HOW DARE YOU SAY THAT AFTER YOU POISONED HIS DRINK!!?
HYAAH!!
BAKYA (SMASH)

STOP IT, HIMARI! THERE ARE TOO MANY PEOPLE!
I DON'T KNOW HER, I DON'T KNOW HER...
GATA (CLATTER)
SFX: ZU (SIP) ZU
I GUESS THIS IS NEW AS OF THE REMODELING ...?
THERE WASN'T A SHOW LAST TIME I WAS HERE...
BA (LEAP)
I AM A TEA SPRITE!
STOP, YOU TEA DEMON!!
JARI (CRUNCH)
GUH!
DOSU (STOMP)
BWAH!?
TEA SPRINKLE !!
BA (WHIP)

DEADLY TEA PLUNGE ~!!
ZA (ZIP)
ZA
ZA
ZA
DOKA (CRASH)
SFX: NUKI (CRICK)
GUH... AH.
U-UM, PLEASE CALM DOWN!
GUSA (STAB)

.....?
SHE DOESN'T FEEL THAT?
HIMARI!
.....
EEEP!
...H-HOW MEAN~! YOU MADE A HOLE IN MY MAID OUTFIT~!!
KEEP YOUR DISTANCE, YOUNG LORD. SHE'S STILL...
S-STAY BACK~!
IT'S FINE, SO JUST STOP.
THIS GIRL MUST HAVE SOME REASON ...
SHE'S NEITHER TEA DEMON NOR SPRITE... YOU KNOW.

I SEE. THEN THE REASON WHY MY BLADE DIDN'T WORK ON HER, IS BECAUSE...
IT...IT'S TRUE, I'M NOT A TEA SPRITE...
YOU CAUGHT ME.
IF SHE REALLY WAS AN AYAKASHI ASSOCIATED WITH TEA, THERE'D BE SOME DEMON ENERGY IN THE TEA SHE POURED, YOU KNOW...
BUT THERE'S NOTHING IN THIS WATER... YOU KNOW.
HIMARI?
DA (DASH)
SHOPKEEPER! IS THERE AN OLD TEA-RELATED IMPORT SOMEWHERE IN THIS STORE!?
BAN (SLAM)
HUH? YEAH, BUT...
IT'S PART OF A SET, BUT THIS TEACUP IS AN OLD PIECE FROM ENGLAND.
I FOUND IT AT AN ANTIQUE SHOP.

*A TSUKUMOGAMI IS AN OLD MATERIAL POSSESSION THAT, AFTER A VERY LONG TIME, DEVELOPS A SPIRIT/MIND OF ITS OWN, BECOMING ANIMATED, OR IN LIZ'S CASE, ABLE TO BE CHANNELED THROUGH ANOTHER PHYSICAL FORM.

...AH.
THANK YOU.
U-UM, WHY...?
BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T LOOK LIKE AN EVIL AYAKASHI... I GUESS?
AFTER WATCHING YOU FOR A WHILE, I FIGURED IT OUT. YOU REALLY DO YOUR JOB WITH YOUR PATRONS' BEST INTERESTS IN MIND.
I DIDN'T SENSE THE LITTLEST BIT OF EVIL IN YOU.
I...I SEE.

I THOUGHT THAT MIGHT BE WHAT IT WAS.
I'M SORRY! I'M SO SORRY!!
WAAAH!
I'M SORRY, I...
I WAS SURE YOU'D COME TO DESTROY ME~.
TH... THAT'S!
HA HA HA. BUT AFTER ALL THAT, I WOULD NEVER HAVE GUESSED YOU WOULD TRY TO POISON ME.

I'M NOT GOING TO DO ANYTHING TO YOU.
DON'T WORRY.

YEAH, LET ME DRINK YOUR DELICIOUS TEA TOO.
FREE OF POISON, OF COURSE.
TH-THEN YOU MEAN I CAN CONTINUE MY LIFE AS IT WAS...?
Y-YES, SIR!! ♡

...SO IN THE END, SHE ONLY ACTED RECKLESSLY OUT OF FEAR... YOU KNOW.
I HAVE MORE THAN ENOUGH REASONS TO CUT HER IN TWO.
I WON'T FORGIVE HER FOR TRYING TO TAKE THE YOUNG LORD'S LIFE.
WHO KNEW THERE WERE TSUKUMOGAMI ABROAD TOO. THOUGH IT WAS MORE FAIRY TALE-LIKE TO THINK YOU WERE A TEA SPRITE.
I'M TERRIBLY SORRY ABOUT THAT.
BUT I WILL ACKNOWLEDGE THAT LIZLET IS INNOCENT OTHERWISE.
SHE HAS DEVOTED HERSELF TO HER PATRONS.
IT MATTERED NOT WHETHER SHE WAS HUMAN OR AYAKASHI...
THE YOUNG LORD STILL PICKED UP ON THAT.
I...

...I WONDER IF I TOO CAN BRING A SMILE LIKE THAT TO THE YOUNG LORD'S FACE...
.....
DON'T LOOK AT ME.
YOU KNOW ...

IN THE END, DESPITE THAT HUGE SCUFFLE, THE NEWS NEVER SAID ANYTHING ABOUT IT.
PI (FWIP)
HOW MUCH DID IT COST WITH THE SHOW?
THAT WAS AN ENTER-TAINING SPECTACLE.
NOIHARA.
SOMEBODY PROBABLY USED WITCH-CRAFT OR SOMETHING TO ALTER EVERYONE'S MEMORIES.
IN FACT, NOBODY, INCLUDING THE SENSEI, SEEMED TO REMEMBER ANYTHING ABOUT IT.
...WH-WHAT ON EARTH IS THAT FOR...?
スリル...
ZURU! (SLIP)
AND THE FOL-LOWING DAY...

.....
I...I THOUGHT YOU LIKED THIS LOOK...
YOU PER-VERTED MAS-TER... YOU KNOW.
WH-WHA... EVEN SHIZUKU -
HUH, SO THEY'RE TRYING TO ONE-UP ME. VERY INTER-ESTING...
I'LL SHOW YOU THE EPITOME OF THE CAT-EARED MAID
UH. NO, HIMARI. THAT'S A LITTLE...
THE MAID OUTFIT IS THE FORMAL UNIFORM OF THE MAID-SERVANT.
IT'S NOTHING TO GET IDEAS IN YOUR HEAD ABOUT OR AROUSED OVER.

MENAGERIE 9:
THE RED RIBBON OF THE CAT-LOVING GIRL
SHEESH! YUUTO-KUN, YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE A MAN!!
SO GET A BACKBONE ALREADY!
YOU OUGHTA TELL 'EM, "NOTHING YOU DO CAN BOTHER ME!" AND SOCK 'EM RIGHT IN THE MOUTH! THAT'LL SHUT THEM UP ONCE AND FOR ALL!
...SO WHAT?
IT DOESN'T MATTER, SO JUST LEAVE ME ALONE...
THEY'RE JUST A BUNCH OF WUSSES IF THEY THINK THEY CAN PICK ON YOU JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE THE NEW KID.

MENAGERIE 9:
THE RED RIBBON OF THE CAT-LOVING GIRL

OW, OW!! THAT HURT!!
GIRIRI (SNAG)
I USUALLY HAVE IT DOWN ALREADY WHEN I'M GETTING CHANGED ...
THIS IS A CUSTOM OF MINE.
ZUKI
ZUKI (THROB)
UUGH, I KNEW I SHOULD'VE TAKEN MY HAIR DOWN.
OTHER THAN WHEN I GO TO SLEEP OR TAKE A BATH, I KEEP MY RIBBONS IN.
...IN FACT, THERE'S ONLY ONE SPECIAL DAY WHEN I UNTIE THEM.

THE ONE DAY OF THE YEAR WHEN MY RIBBONS FINISH THEIR LIFE CYCLE.
AND IT'S COMING RIGHT UP.
MOM, I'M GOING OUT TO MEET A FRIEND.
SEE YOU LATER AND TAKE CARE!
I WANT THESE CLOTHES, BUT I DON'T HAVE THE MONEY
M·M
OH, HEY ELVIS HOW YOU DOING?
BOTE (PLOP)

WELCOME! ♪
...WHAT'S THIS? WHAT INDEED~?
WHAT?
RINKO, OVER HERE!
PARDON ME FOR COMING ALONE!!
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TODAY, UH... YUUTO-SAN ISN'T WITH YOU?
SFX: MOJI (FIDGET) MOJI
EITHER WAY, WITH ALL THESE DONE, YOU SHOULD BE PRETTY FREE FOR THE REST OF SUMMER, DON'CHA THINK?
.....
THOUGH YOU GOT A LOT OF THE ANSWERS WRONG.
FU-FU-FU. YOU MUSTN'T UNDERES-TIMATE THE AMAZING RINKO.
...WOW, YOU GOT AN AWFUL LOT DONE.
RINKO KUZAKI
MATH

BY THE WAY, THE GIRLS ON THE TEAM ARE ALL MOAN-ING AND GROANING.
CHUUU (SLURP)
THEN AGAIN, SINCE YOU'RE JUST A STAND-IN MEMBER, THEY CAN'T FORCE YOU TO PARTICIPATE.
AH-HA-HA...
THEY KEEP SAYING, "WHERE'S KUZAKI WHEN THE TOURNA-MENT'S SO NEAR?"
...DID ANYTHING HAPPEN BETWEEN YOU AND AMAKAWA-KUN?
!!
WH-WHAT DO YOU MEAN, ANYTHING~?
JUST THE OPPOSITE. NOTHING'S HAPPENED
THE SHRINE'S SUMMER FESTIVAL IS IN TWO DAYS, AND YOU GUYS GO TOGETHER EVERY YEAR.
MAKE SOME PROGRESS WITH HIM ALREADY.

IT STARTED WHEN THE AMAKAWAS MOVED INTO OUR NEIGHBOR-HOOD.
I FIRST MET YUUTO IN THE EARLY GRADES OF ELE-MENTARY SCHOOL.
YUUTO...
...WAS A MELANCHOLY KID.
OR RATHER, HE JUST DIDN'T HAVE ANY LIFE IN HIM.
HIS EYES LOOKED LIKE HIS SOUL HAD BEEN SUCKED RIGHT OUT OF HIM.
THE SUMMER FESTIVAL...
THAT'S RIGHT. THE SUMMER FESTIVAL IS A SPECIAL EVENT FOR ME AND YUUTO.
FOR YEARS NOW.

RINKO-CHAN, HE'S ABOUT YOUR AGE.
BE NICE TO YUUTO AND BE HIS FRIEND, OKAY?
...OKAY.
I DIDN'T LIKE HIS EYES.
BUT WHEN I SAW YUUTO BEING BULLIED BY HIS CLASS-MATES, I KNEW I HAD TO DO SOME-THING ABOUT IT.
HE JUST DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO INTER-ACT WITH OTHERS.
SO I DIDN'T WANT TO PROTECT HIM SO MUCH AS CHANGE HIM.
WE WALKED TO SCHOOL TOGETH-ER...
...AND PLAYED AND TALKED TO-GETHER.

BEING WITH HIM, I LEARNED LOTS OF THINGS ABOUT HIM.
LIKE HOW HE NEVER PARTS WITH THE OMAMORI CHARM HIS GRANDMOTHER GAVE HIM.
AND HOW HE DOESN'T CLIMB TREES AND NEVER GOES NEAR CLIFFS.
AND HIS PROBLEMS WITH CATS.
AND...
...HOW HE HAS LITTLE MEMORY OF HIS LIFE BEFORE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.
WE BOTH CRIED TOGETHER AFTER THE CAR ACCI-DENT SEVEN YEARS AGO.
MY EFFORTS PAID OFF, AND AS HIS PERSONALITY BLOOMED, HE MADE FRIENDS.
IT WAS AROUND THEN THAT WE STOPPED USING "KUN" AND "CHAN" WITH ONE ANOTHER.

EVEN IF SOMEBODY YOU LIKED CAME ALONG, THEY'D PROBABLY END UP IN TEARS AND RUN AWAY.
YOU'RE TOO MUCH LIKE A MAN YOURSELF, RINKO.
SEE? YOU'RE SHUTTING DOWN AGAIN!
BISHI (POINT)
TOO BAD FOR THEM! WHEN IT COMES TO BOYS I LIKE, I'M GENTLE AS A LAMB BEFORE THEM!
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
YOU'RE A MAN, SO STICK YOUR CHEST OUT AND DEAL!!
THEN TRY TO ACT LIKE A GIRL AROUND ME!
WHAT!!?
UH...

O-OKAAAY~.
OOOH!
"WHEN IT COMES TO BOYS I LIKE..."
DOKI (BADUM)
DOKI
DOKI
"THEN ACT LIKE A GIRL AROUND ME."
UH...UH.
YOU CAN, CAN'T YOU? TRY IT!
IN EXCHANGE, AT THE BOOTH THAT SELLS ACCESSORIES AT NEXT WEEK'S SUMMER FESTIVAL...
...BUY ME A RIBBON IN MY FAVORITE COLOR.
THEN I'LL ACT LIKE A GIRL FOR YOU.
SURE THING, I GOT IT.
THE NEXT YEAR, HE REMEMBERED AND BOUGHT ME ANOTHER ONE.
AND EVERY YEAR SINCE THEN, BUYING A RIBBON FOR ME AT THE SUMMER FESTIVAL HAS BECOME AN ESTABLISHED ROUTINE FOR THE TWO OF US.

YUUTO-KUN'S HERE TO PICK YOU UUUP.
RINKOOO!
SORRY FOR MAKING YOU WAIT...LET'S GET GOING.
KARAN (TINKLE)
TAKE CARE OF RINKO FOR ME. ♡
Y... YES, MA'AM ...
I PROB-ABLY LOOK STRANGE IN A YUKATA. NOTHING LIKE HIMARI...
AH-HA-HA
NOT AT ALL, IT SUITS YOU.

YUUTO, WHERE ARE THE CAT PRINCESS AND LOLITA GIRL?
HM? OH, YEAH.
SHIZUKU SAID SHE HATES FESTIVALS 'COS THEY REMIND HER OF THE WATER GOD FESTIVAL.
AND HIMARI SEEMS TO HATE ALL SHRINES IN GENERAL.
BUT SHE SAID THAT SO LONG AS WE'RE NEAR A SHRINE NO EVIL AYAKASHI SHOULD COME OUT.
BACK IN THE DAY, IT WAS TYPICAL FOR IT TO BE JUST THE TWO OF US.
BUT THAT ALL CHANGED WHEN YUUTO TURNED SIXTEEN.
.....
HMM, SO IT'S JUST THE TWO OF US.

HIMARI, SHIZUKU, LIZLET...
THE NUMBER OF GIRLS IN YUUTO'S LIFE HAS INCREASED, BUT THEY'RE ALL AYAKASHI. THEY'RE NOT PEOPLE.
YUUTO'S A HUMAN.
SO HE DESERVES TO BE WITH ANOTHER HUMAN ...!!
GU (SQUEEZE)
WHAT IS IT, RINKO?
ZAWA (MURMUR)
TH-THERE ARE SO MANY PEOPLE!
I WOULDN'T WANT TO GET SEPA-RATED ...

HE HASN'T SAID ANYTHING ABOUT IT YET...
STIR-FRY NOODLES
...BUT HE REMEMBERS, DOESN'T HE? HE WOULDN'T FORGET, RIGHT?
THE SPECIAL PROMISE BETWEEN JUST THE TWO OF US.
YOU'LL BE FINE EVEN IF YOU LOSE ME.
BECAUSE WE COULD ALWAYS MEET IN FRONT OF THAT ACCESSORY BOOTH.

YEAH... YOU'RE RIGHT. YOU'LL BUY ME ANOTHER RIBBON THIS YEAR, WON'T YOU?
GYU (SQUEEZE)
OF COURSE.
GOOD...
KYU (TIE)
AND THAT... SHOULD DO IT.

I'M SURPRISED THESE OLD RIBBONS ARE STILL HERE AFTER ALL THESE YEARS.
BUT OF COURSE.
NOBODY WOULD THINK TO REMOVE SOMETHING THAT LOOKS SO DELIBERATELY PLACED.
NOT TO MENTION I'VE IMBUED THEM WITH MY WILL.
FU-FU-FU-FU-FU...
YOU'RE SCARING ME, RINKO...
THIS PLACE HASN'T CHANGED.
THE BACK OF THIS SHRINE WHERE WE USED TO PLAY A LOT.
YEAH.
AND YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED EITHER, RINKO.
AND WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN~?
WELL, EITHER WAY.
TIE THIS NEW RIBBON IN MY HAIR, WOULD YOU?

EVERY YEAR, I PICK A RED RIBBON TO BE MY NEW ONE.
THAT'S BECAUSE THE FIRST ONE HE EVER GAVE ME WAS RED TOO.
RED ISN'T HIMARI'S COLOR.
RED IS THE COLOR FOR THIS RIBBON FROM OUR MEMORIES.
ACTUALLY, I WAS LYING WHEN I SAID THAT.
HUH?

RINKO, YOU HAVE CHANGED.
YOU'RE A LOT CUTER NOW.
BO (BLUSH)
WHA-WHA ...!!?
WHAT'D YOU GO AND SAY THAT FOR? IT'S EMBAR-RASSING! GEEZ!!
BATA (FLAIL)
BATA
NO NEED TO GET ROWDY OVER IT
AH!
GA (TRIP)
GUI (TUG)
WAH WAH WAH!
W-WHOA!
DOTA (SPLAT)
GYAHN!
OW OW !!

R... RINKO...
S-SORRY I MADE SUCH A FUSS...
YUUTO... ...YUUTO.
YUUTO'S TOUCHING MY BREAST.
WHAT DO I DO? WHAT DO I DO? HE'S GOT ME PINNED DOWN.

MAKE SOME PROGRESS WITH HIM ALREADY.
...I WOULDN'T MIND IF IT'S WITH YOU, YUUTO...
BOGU (SMACK)
DOSA (WHUMP)
EEK!!
Y-YUUTO, YOU'RE GOING FOR SECOND BASE ALREADY...
I...I WAS HOPING WE COULD START WITH KISSING...
...WAIT, WHAT THE?
HIMARI!?

THE SPIRITUAL POWER OF THE SHRINE IS TAXING ON MY BODY, BUT...I WAS RIGHT TO COME BY.
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE, YOU STUPID CAT!!
BURU (TREMBLE)
HMPH. THE CIRCUMSTANCES WERE NOT CLEAR TO ME, SO ALL I DID WAS STOP THE YOUNG LORD FROM PROCEEDING ANY FURTHER.
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IT WAS SOOO SOOOO SOOOOO...
GUGU (STRAIN)
...SO THE PERFECT SETUP...
TODAY IS THE ONE DAY I WILL DEFINITELY NOT FORGIVE YOU!!
MEOW!
VERY FUNNY. YOU'LL MAKE A PITIFUL CORPSE.
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I...I WON...
GOOD THING THIS SHRINE IS ENEMY TERRITORY FOR HER...
PANT!
PANT!
RINKO...?
WHY IS HIMARI KNOCKED OUT ?
OW... FSS...?
Y...YUUTO, I WON. NOW SHALL WE CONTINUE...?
W-WAIT JUST A MINUTE. CONTINUE WITH WHAT... RINKO?
UM, RINKO-SAAAN?
SO LONG AS YUUTO TIES THIS RIBBON IN MY HAIR...
...I'LL BE A CUTE LITTLE GIRL. ♡

MENAGERIE 10: TWILIGHT KITTY OF TEMPTATION

THIS IS ALL THE COUNTRY-SIDE HAS TO OFFER BENEATH THE SKY.
IT'S SO PODUNK THERE'S ONLY A SINGLE RAIL LINE THAT A COUPLE OF TRAINS RUN ON EACH DAY.
TO BE HONEST, I BARELY REMEMBER A THING ABOUT IT.
ZZZ
GATAN
GATAN (CLACK)
WHERE WE'RE HEADED IS MY GRAND-PARENTS' OLD HOUSE, WHERE I USED TO LIVE TEN YEARS AGO.
BUT FOR SOME REASON, HIMARI SUDDENLY INSISTED...
GATAN
...THAT WE GO BACK TO MY GRAND-PAR-ENTS' HOUSE.
GATAN

MENAGERIE 10:
TWILIGHT KITTY OF TEMPTATION

A FEW DAYS AGO...
HMM...
HRRMM...
IS THAT THE AMAKAWA PROTEC-TIVE SLIP...YOU KNOW?
PETA (SPLAT)
!
THE VERY ONE.
IT IS A POWERFUL CHARM THAT HID OUR YOUNG LORD'S EXISTENCE FROM THE AYAKASHI.
WHAT ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT, GLARING AT THAT DRIED-UP OMAMORI?
MERELY PONDERING THE OLD SAYING... THAT TOO STRONG A MEDICINE CAN BECOME A POISON.

IT DIDN'T VENT OUTWARD, AND INSTEAD RECEDED DEEP WITHIN HIM...
SO DEEP THAT IT CANNOT EASILY BE EXTRACTED.
IN ORDER TO PROTECT HER GRANDCHILD, GRANDMA SAWA HAD NO OTHER CHOICE, BUT...
...THIS OMAMORI WAS A TOUCH TOO POWERFUL FOR THE YOUNG LORD TO BE GIVEN AS A CHILD.
.....?
I CAN'T HAVE THAT. I WOULD SUFFER IMMENSE-LY!!
LETTING IT DECAY WITHOUT HIM EVER KNOW-ING MIGHT BE FOR HIS OWN GOOD...YOU KNOW.

IT MATTERS NOT WHETHER HIS POWERS AWAKEN... SO LONG AS I PROTECT HIM, THAT IS ALL THAT MATTERS.
HOW-EVER...
GU (GRIP)
...FORGET-TING UTTERLY AND COMPLETELY THE MEMORIES OF HIS YOUTH AND THOSE THAT HE SHARED WITH ME...
GYU (CLENCH)
...AND SHOWING NO INDICATION OF RECALLING THEM ANYTIME SOON IS SOMETHING I SIMPLY CANNOT TOLERATE!!
OH...
AS OF LATE, THE YOUNG LORD HAS BEEN ACCOSTED BY FAR TOO MANY YOUNG MAIDENS.
COMPARED TO THE BOND THAT THE YOUNG LORD AND I SHARE, GIRLS OF THEIR CALIBER STAND NO CHANCE OF GAINING GROUND, BUT...

IF THE YOUNG LORD DOESN'T REGAIN HIS MEMORY, THEN I'M JUST THE STUPID CAT WEARING BLINDERS!
YOU'RE JUST HIS BODYGUARD. BEAT YOURSELF UP ALL YOU LIKE... YOU KNOW.
THIS WILL NOT DO... NO MATTER WHAT, I MUST HAVE THE YOUNG LORD REMEMBER...
YORO (TOTTER)
LISTEN, CAT... HERE'S A WORD OF ADVICE, YOU KNOW.
SO LONG AS YOU'RE BY HIS SIDE, YOU WON'T GET HIS POWERS OR MEMORIES TO AWAKEN.
ONLY ALLERGIES... YOU KNOW.
MEOW...

UWAAAH! THIS IS THE RURAL COUNTRYSIDE TO A "T"~!
I CAN'T BELIEVE THEY CAN CALL THIS A CITY.
SFX: MIIIN (BZZ) MIIIN MIIIN
WHEN I WAS LIVING HERE, IT WAS JUST A VILLAGE.
BUT THREE YEARS AGO, IT MERGED WITH THE NEIGHBORING MUNICIPALITY AND BECAME NOIHARA CITY.
SFX: SHOWA (BZZ) SHOWA
WE TOOK A TAXI FROM THE STATION, BUT WE STILL HAVE TO WALK...
I DID NOT TELL YOU THAT YOU HAD TO COME ON THIS JOURNEY.
I WISH THERE WAS MORE WATER, YOU KNOW
SFX: MIIIN (BZZZ)
HMPH!

SFX: MIN (BZZ) MIN MIIIIN
HMPH. MY ERROR FOR SAYING IT WHILE YOU WERE IN SUCH CLOSE PROXIMITY.
AT THE TIME, I WAS ONLY AWARE OF THE YOUNG LORD.
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KACHIIIN (SNAP)
YOUNG LORD! PACK YOUR BAGS! WE'RE GOING TO GRANDPA GEN'S HOUSE!!
...YEAH, BUT YOU WERE SO WORKED UP WHEN YOU ANNOUNCED YOUR PLAN, I CAME ALONG OUT OF WORRY.
WHAT ELSE COULD I DO?

THIS LAND IS MY TERRITORY. JUST AS A WARNING, IT WON'T BE VERY EASY ON YOU, UNDER-STOOD...?
Fu Fu Fu Fu Fu Fu..
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU HAVE UP YOUR SLEEVE, BUT DON'T GO THINKING YOU CAN DO WHAT-EVER YOU LIKE WITH YUUTO...
WHILE WE'RE HERE, I'M GOING TO RESEARCH THE DEMON-SLAYING AMAKAWA FAMILY AND MAKE YOU INTO MY KIND OF MAN... YOU KNOW.
I'LL BE GENTLE... YOU KNOW.
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NYA (SNEER)
...WHILE THEY'RE AT IT, I COULD GET ALL LOVEY-DOVEY AND EASILY MAKE YOU MINE... YOU KNOW.
IN A WAY, YOU'RE THE SCARIEST ONE OF ALL, SHIZUKU...
AH-HA-HA

HERE WE ARE.
PHEW! GOOD THING~. IT'S SO HOT, I THOUGHT I WAS GOING TO DIE.
JUST GET ME SOME WATER TO DRINK...YOU KNOW.
THIS IS AS TRADITIONAL AS YOU CAN GET...
MM-HM, IT HAS NOT CHANGED ONE BIT.
THIS IS MY GRAND-PARENTS' OLD HOUSE...
SUKI (THROB)
FSS...!

WH... WHAT WAS THAT JUST NOW...?
YOUNG LORD?
HIMARI!!
HIMARI, YOU'RE BACK!?
ZA (SKUFF)

MY NAME IS KAYA. I AM A ZASHIKI-WARASHI.*
PEKO (BOW)
I LOOK FOR-WARD TO GETTING TO KNOW YOU ALL.
*A ZASHIKI-WARASHI IS A TYPE OF JAPANESE MONSTER THAT LOOKS LIKE A YOUNG CHILD.
NOT A THING! ♡
YES, IT'S GOOD TO BE HOME. NO CHANGES SINCE I'VE BEEN AWAY, I TRUST?
HEY, HIMARI. WHO IS THIS GIRL ...?
RIGHT!
SFX: MIIIN (BZZ) MIIIN MIIIN
UH ...
GIN (GLARE)
THIS GIRL'S ALSO AN AYAKASHI.
A ZASHIKI... WARASHI.

YUUTO AMAKAWA.
YOU WILL DIE.
WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE.
GOSH (BONK)
OW!
MY APOLOGIES. SHE HAS A BIG MOUTH, BUT SHE'S NOT A BAD KID.
SINCE GRANDPA GEN AND HIS WIFE PASSED AWAY, KAYA HAS BEEN TAKING CARE OF THE ENTIRE ESTATE.
IF IT WEREN'T FOR ME, THIS WHOLE PLACE WOULD BE OVERGROWN WITH WEEDS!
WH...AT?
IF IT WEREN'T FOR YOU, HIMARI WOULD BE HERE FOREVER WITH ME.
SHE WOULDN'T HAVE TO GO ANYWHERE!
WE SHOULD NOT BE STANDING AROUND UNDER THE BLAZING SUN LIKE THIS.
LET US RETIRE INDOORS.
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THANKS FOR HAVING US!
YOU KNOW
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SFX: MIN (BZZ) MIN MIN MIN MIN MIN

AND THIS GARB!
THE YOUNG LORD BOUGHT IT FOR ME!!
THAT'S EMBARRASSING! DON'T ANNOUNCE IT LIKE THAT!
CHIIIN (CHING)
THE YOUNG LORD HAS GROWN SO BIG!!
BEHOLD, GRANDFATHER AND GRANDMOTHER!
SINCE THEY CUT OFF TIES WITH MY PARENTS, I DIDN'T GET TO GO TO THEIR FUNERALS...
I'M SORRY.
...COME ON, GUYS, COOL IT WITH THE HATE WAVES.

I...I'VE TAKEN CARE OF YUUTO ALL THESE YEARS.
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MOJI
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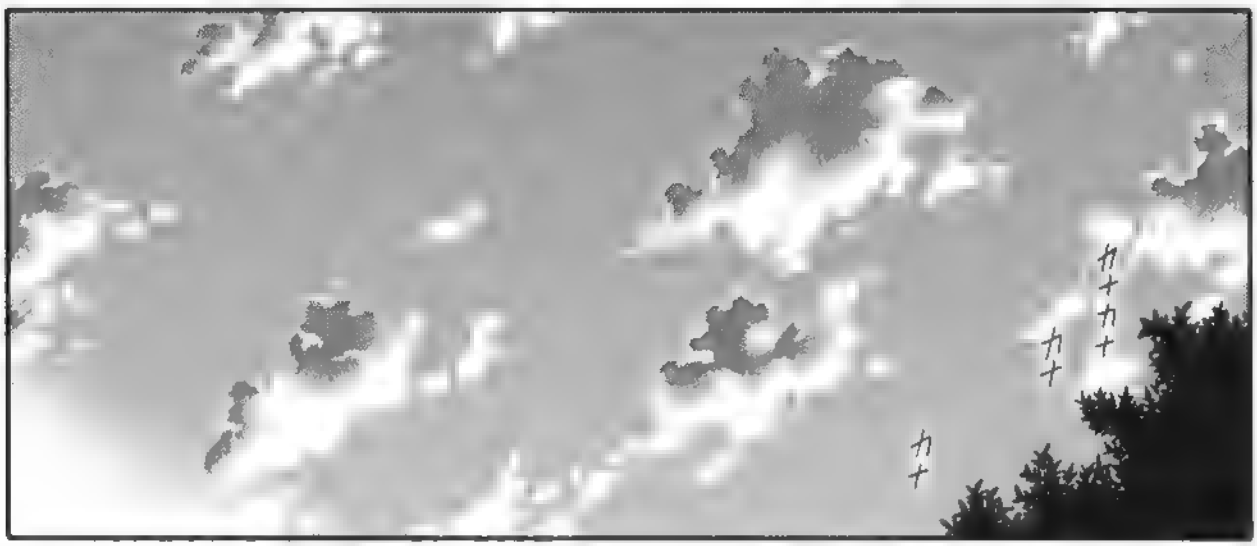
MOJI (FIDGET)
SO... PROPERLY INTRODUCE ME TO HIS GRAND-PARENTS...
PARDON? A WENCH LIKE YOU WHO DOESN'T KNOW THE FIRST THING ABOUT DEMON SLAYERS HAS NO BUSINESS HERE.
GAAAHH
I DON'T WANT TO BE TOLD THAT BY SOMEONE WHO WAS JUST SQUEALING LIKE A KID OVER SOME NEW CLOTHES SHE GOT!!
SIGH...
NOW THEN...I REQUEST THAT YOU SHOW ME THE AMAKAWA FAMILY RECORDS, YOU KNOW...
WHERE ARE THEY... YOU KNOW?
WH-WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?
SHE SEEMS TOUGHER THAN SHE LOOKS.
IT'S OKAY, JUST SHOW HER.

SO LONG AS I DON'T HAVE A CHANGE OF HEART, SHIZUKU WON'T TRY TO ATTACK ME. ISN'T THAT RIGHT?
...DON'T BLAME ME IF YOU EAT YOUR WORDS AFTER THIS...YOU KNOW.
BUT THAT'S PROBABLY SOME-THING I SHOULD KNOW MYSELF.
IT'S NOT ABOUT WHETHER MY POWERS AWAKEN OR NOT ANYMORE.
I JUST WANT TO GET BACK A FRACTION OF WHAT I LOST...
AND THAT'S PROBABLY WHAT HIMARI'S EXPECTING TOO...



SFX: KANA (SKREECH) KANA KANA KANA

HIMARI AND I MIGHT'VE STAYED HERE TOGETHER ALL THOSE YEARS AGO.
KANA (SCREECH)
KANA
KANA
KANA
PHEW...
IT'S DRIVING ME CRAZY HOW VAGUE MY MEMORIES FROM THAT TIME ARE.
HIMARI.
WHAT'S THE MATTER, YOUNG LORD?
HAVE YOU RECALLED SOME RIVETING MEMORY?
I MUST SAY, YOUR HEAD IS WORSE THAN A TELEVISION WITH POOR RECEPTION.
SU... (SNIFF)

I AM SURE YOU HAVE SOME INKLING AS TO WHY WE HAVE COME BACK HERE.
TH-THAT'S EASY FOR YOU TO SAY...!
I REFER NOT TO YOUR BEING A DEMON SLAYER.
THOUGH THAT IS WHAT THE MIZUCHI IS RESEARCHING.
PATATA (FLAP)
I SPEAK OF THE EVENTS THAT TRANS-PIRED HERE... YOU SEE.
BUUUN (VRRRR)
H-HIMARI, THAT'S INAPPRO-PRIATE. SO STOP DOING THAT.
!
THEY'RE WHITE..
...DID IT MAKE YOUR HEART SKIP A BEAT?
UH...
ENOUGH WORDS.

HI... HIMARI...?
YOUNG LORD, THIS WILL NOT DO. REMEMBER AT ONCE...
IN THAT CASE...
THE YOUNG MASTER REACTS BETTER THROUGH STIMULATION, DOES HE NOT?
ZUI (SLIDE)
DON (BLMP)
W-WAIT...!
DON'T RUN AWAY, YOUNG LORD.
WHA ...!?
ZOKU
ZOKU (CHILL)
SFX: PERO (LAP), PICHA (SLICK)

WH-WH-WH-WHAT...!?
.....!
YOUNG LORD, LONG AGO...YOU ALWAYS USED TO HOLD ME.
I TOOK SUCH LIBERTIES WHEN I WAS JUST A TINY SQUIRT~!!?

JUST NOW...I SAW SOME-THING...
!
FU-FU... FU-FU-FU.
H-HOLD ON! THAT'S... WAH!
...I SUPPOSE I SHOULD HAVE DONE THIS FROM THE VERY START.

UH...UH-OH... HOW CAN SHE EXPECT ME TO REMEMBER...
NN
PANT...
PANT
...WHEN IT FEELS LIKE I'M GOING TO LOSE MY MIND...!?
LONG AGO... I COULD BE LIKE THIS WITH YOU, AND YOUR ALLERGIES NEVER ACTED UP.
H-HIMARI'S SOFT...
MUNYU (SQUISH)
MUNYU

.....
HUH?
HI...MARI.

UWAAH !!
DOSU (STAB)
SFX: GOGOGOGOGOGOGO (RRRRUMBLE)
HOW DARE YOU PULL THIS ON HIMARI, YOU MONSTER...
W-W-W-W-WAIT!!
ME!? YOU THINK THIS IS MY DOING!?
SHAKI (SNIK?)
DINNER IS SERVED ...
YOU AMAKAWA CREEP...
SIGH...

GOKYA (BASH)
DON'T THINK YOU'RE GETTING OUT OF HERE ALIVE!!
YUUTO~? WHAT'S THE MATTER~?
...WHOA.
DID YUUTO GET IN TROUBLE AGAIN!?
C-CALM DOWN, KAYA!
YOUNG LORD! YOUNG LORD!?
FU-FU-FU...
IN FACT, I DON'T PLAN ON LETTING YOU LEAVE ALIVE EITHER...

WE ALL CAME TO THE AMAKAWA FAMILY HEAD-QUARTERS OF NOIHARA ON THE CAT'S WHIM.
...I SEE... YOU KNOW.
SUPERNATURAL CATS
AMAKAWA CONFIDENTIAL
MENAGERIE 11: DEMON-CRUSHING KITTY

...THE RECORDS THEY KEEP ARE REALLY QUITE FASCI-NATING... YOU KNOW.
THERE'S NOTHING OUT OF THE ORDINARY ABOUT THIS LOCATION, BUT...

THE POWER OF THE AMAKAWA FAM-ILY AS DEMON SLAYERS... THE CHARAC-TERISTICS OF THE AYAKASHI THEY SUBJU-GATED...
ZZZ

YUUTO AMAKAWA ...
...HOW CAN YOU SLEEP SO CAREFREE... YOU KNOW?
NNN...

MENAGERIE 11:
DEMON-CRUSHING KITTY

YOU MUSTN'T CLIMB SUCH A TALL TREE.
IT'S DANGEROUS.

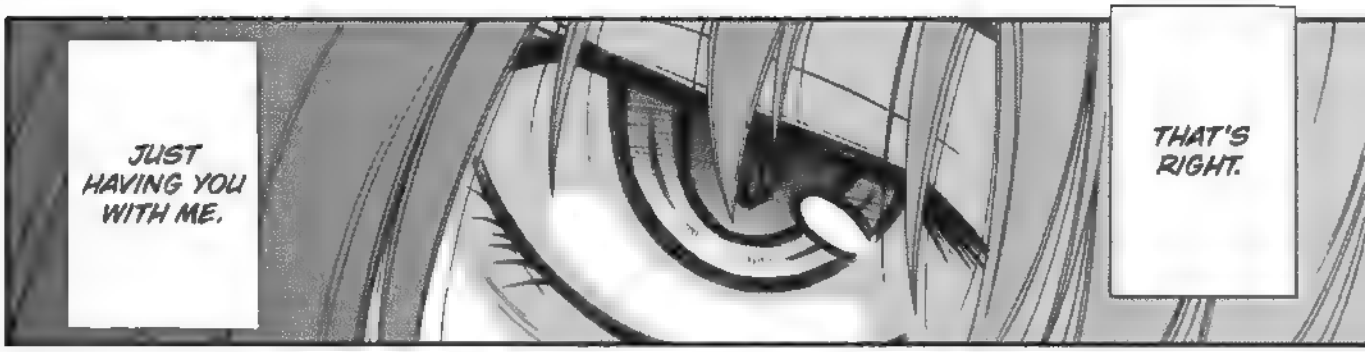
OH, IT'S YOU... YEAH, I REMEMBER YOU.
YOU USED TO ALWAYS BE WITH ME BACK IN THE DAY, RIGHT?

IT SURE WAS FUN HANGING OUT TOGETHER ALL THE TIME.
WE USED TO GO EXPLORING THE MOUNTAINS A LOT.

WAIT, OR WAS I THE ONE WHO FELL?

SEE? YOU FELL...

...BUT JUST HAVING YOU WITH ME KEPT ME FROM BEING AFRAID.
THAT TIME I FELL OFF A CLIFF AND COULDN'T GET BACK HOME, I THOUGHT I WAS IN REAL TROUBLE, BUT...
I GOT LOTS OF CUTS AND BRUISES, BUT I DIDN'T MIND AT ALL.
YOU WERE REAL SMART AND TAUGHT ME ALL SORTS OF THINGS ABOUT TREES AND ANIMALS.


JUST HAVING YOU WITH ME.
THAT'S RIGHT.

YOU COULD VERY WELL BE SPENDING THE REST OF YOUR LIVES TOGETH-ER.
DO YOU HEAR ME, YUUTO? THIS LITTLE GIRL IS VERY PRECIOUS TO YOU.
YEP!
MY OH MY, YOU REALLY DO GET ALONG WITH HIMARI QUITE WELL.

WH... WHAT WAS THAT?
SFX: ZU (DRIP)
A DREAM... NO. THAT WAS FROM MY PAST. I KNOW THAT NOW.
HUH?
MY ALLERGIES ?

MEOW...
IT'S YOU...!
GUZU (SNIFFLE)
AH! WAIT!
TOTETE (SCAMPER)
NNN.....
SFX: MIIIN (BZZ) MIIIIN
SFX: MI (BZZ) MI MI MI MI
THAT'S RIGHT. BACK THEN, I USED TO PLAY WITH THAT CAT AROUND HERE...
ZA (ZSH)
GUSU (DRIBBLE)
GUSU

...THE CAT FROM BACK THEN, AREN'T YOU?
THAT'S RIGHT, YOU'RE...
...WHAT TOOK YOU SO LONG, YOU FOOLISH BOY?
S-SORRY! BUT I WAS ALWAYS ON THE VERGE OF REMEMBERING.
KNEW A TALKING CAT HAD TO BE SURREAL.
HM, I WONDER ABOUT THAT.
TH... THAT'S ...
WHEN YOU WERE A CHILD, EVEN IF LIVING WITH A TALKING CAT WAS NORMAL FOR YOU, IT IS NOT SOMETHING ONE WOULD SO READILY BELIEVE.
OOF. SHE HIT THE NAIL RIGHT ON THE HEAD.

WE DID EVERY-THING TOGETHER.
GRANDPA GEN PAIRED ME UP WITH HIS GRANDSON KNOWING I WOULD ONE DAY HAVE TO PROTECT HIM.
BUT THEN ONE DAY, YOU SUDDENLY VANISHED OUT OF SIGHT.
WAH!
BA (LEAP)
IT'S TRUE EVEN NOW. THAT'S WHY I HAD TO RESORT TO TAKING THIS FORM.
OTHERWISE, YOU MIGHT NEVER HAVE DEFINITIVELY REMEMBERED.
FURI (WHIP)
FURI
I'M SORRY. MY PARENTS TOOK ME AWAY...
MROWR!
D-DON'T BE MISTAKEN, I WASN'T LONESOME FOR YOU!
BUT YOU NEVER TOLD ME GOOD-BYE.
SHURURURU (FAAADE)
IT IS A SHAME YOU FORGOT ABOUT ME SO COMPLETELY UNTIL NOW.

SO AS YOUR PUNISHMENT, HOLD ME UNTIL I AM SATISFIED.

I DON'T CARE.
I'M NOT LETTING GO OF YOU TODAY.
GYUUUU (SQUEEEZE)
~~!!
FU-FU. AND WHILE I'M AT IT, PERHAPS WE COULD DO SOMETHING ABOUT THOSE ALLERGIES.
THAT'S IMPOS-SIBLE.
MUNYUN (PRESS)
HI... HIMARI.
GUNYU (SMOOSH)
M-MORE IMPOR-TANTLY, PUT SOME CLOTHES ON. THIS IS A PROBLEM IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE...
LIKE YOUR CHEST AND YOUR HEINIE
AFTER ALL...
...YOU ARE MY MAN.
ZOKU (CHILL)

.....
.....

.....
...WH-WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOING!!?

LEAVE HERE WHILE MY URGE TO KILL YOU IS STILL DORMANT.
THIS GIRL CLEARLY CANNOT SEE THIS SITUATION FOR WHAT IT IS...

ZA (ZSH)
ZA
I'VE FOUND YOU, YUUTO AMAKAWA.
I WAS WONDERING HOW I WOULD EVER LURE YOU AWAY, BUT...
...I NEVER IMAGINED YOU'D COME STROLLING OUT HERE ON YOUR OWN!
ZA (STANCE)

I AM A HINOENMA! AGEHA, THE HINOENMA!!
BA (FWIP)
AND I'VE COME FOR THE DEMON SLAYER YUUTO AMAKAWA'S LIFE!!
HMPH.
IT'S NO USE THREATENING ME WHILE YOU'RE BUTT-NAKED, NOIHARA CRIMSON BLADE.
WITHOUT YOUR SWORD, YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING, CAN YOU!?
I KNEW THAT IF I KEPT AN EYE ON THE AMAKAWA ESTATE HE WOULD SHOW UP SOMEDAY, BUT I REALLY HIT THE JACKPOT.
NOW COME QUIETLY ...
H-HUH...?

KUH!!
ZUGAN (SMASH)
HIMARI?
THAT TOOK NO TIME...
YOU... WHERE DID YOU GET YOUR SWORD ...?
ZA... (SWISH)
WHERE'S THE CRIMSON BLADE ...!?

PURUN (JIGGLE)
PARA (FLAP)
!!
I HAD MY CLOTHES AND SWORD STASHED AWAY IN THAT TREE-TOP.
TOO BAD FOR YOU, I TRANSFORMED INTO A CAT RIGHT AROUND HERE.
EEEEEEK!!
~~~!!
REMEDY YOUR SITUATION AT ONCE.
BUT I PREFER THAT THE YOUNG LORD NOT LAY HIS EYES ON ANOTHER WOMAN'S BREASTS.
SFX: GYA (CAW) GYA, KAA (CAW)
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A HINO-ENMA ...
SHE'S AN EVIL MONSTER WHO SUCKS THE BLOOD OUT OF MEN. I WILL DISPOSE OF HER, YOUNG LORD.
HIMARI.
...FINE, I UNDER-STAND.
AGEHA, OR WHAT-EVER YOU CALL YOUR-SELF...
...THE CURRENT HEAD OF THE AMAKAWA FAMILY DOES NOT WISH TO SEE AYAKASHI BATTLE AND SEEKS COEXISTENCE BETWEEN MAN AND AYAKASHI.
ABANDON ANY IDEAS YOU MAY HAVE ABOUT ATTACKING AND RETREAT NOW.

HA...
AH-HA-HA...I SHOULD RUN AWAY BECAUSE YOU WANT PEACE?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
UH...
HMPH...IF IT HAS TO BE THAT WAY, THEN...
SU (LIFT)
I DON'T CARE ABOUT WHAT THAT MAN WANTS.
I AM HERE TO SLAY THE DEMON SLAYER!
I WILL RAISE MY RANK!!
THAT'S ALL I CARE ABOUT!
...I'M JUST GOING TO HAVE TO PUT THINKING ASIDE AND CHOP YOU TO PIECES.
PIN (PERK)

YOUNG LORD, YOU CANNOT FIGHT YET.
ZURU (DRIBBLE)
WAI... HIMA...!
YOU'VE TALKED THE TALK, NOW WALK THE WALK!
HINO-ENMA!!
...!
BUT SO LONG AS YOU'VE REMEMBERED OUR TIME TOGETHER, I AM GLAD.
THAT IS ALL I NEED TO FIGHT.
I CAN CHALLENGE THE WORLD FOR YOU.

QUIT CARRYING ON IN FRONT OF THE ENEMY, YOU DEMON CAT!!
HYUGO (WHOOSH)
!!
GA (CLASH)
WAH WAH !!
MWOWR !?
ZUDOO (BOOM)
YOUNG LORD, GET AWAY FROM HERE! GO BACK TO THE HOUSE!!
RIGHT!!
NI (SMIRK)
WHAT... THE...?

*A DAIDARABOCCHI IS A GIANT YOKAI FROM JAPANESE MYTHOLOGY.
A DAI-DARA-BOCCHI!?*
GOOON (BOOOM)
I-IT'S HUGE ...
I WOULD HAVE NEVER IMAGINED SHE'D BRING ONE OF THOSE WITH HER...
GOOON
AH-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA! YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE, DEMON SLAYER!!
NOW! SMASH THEM TO SMITHEREENS!!
...

こっぜん
KOZZEN (SUDDEN)
HUH!? THEY'RE GONE!?
WE'LL JUST KILL THE BOY AND THE DEMON CAT IN ONE GO...
...
FINE ALREADY.
WHAT, YOU AREN'T INTERESTED IN THE DEMON SLAYER? YOU WANT TO BATTLE WITH THE CRIMSON BLADE YOURSELF?
I...I CAN RUN ON MY OWN, SO LET ME DOWN~!
COME NOW, YOU CAN HOLD ON TIGHTER IF YOU LIKE...♡
WAH!
WAH WAH.
ZA (RUSTLE)
ZA
ZA
ZA
ZASHA (TMP)

DAIDA-RABOCCHI ARE NOT EVIL AYAKASHI.
IT WOULD NEVER POINT-LESSLY TAKE A LIFE.
ONE PUNCH FROM THAT THING WOULD DO ME IN!
KAYA AND SHIZUKU ARE STILL AT THE HOUSE.
GET BACK TO THEM FIRST.
ARE YOU GOING TO BE OKAY, HIMARI?
NOW THEN... I HAVE A JOB TO DO.
DO YOU GET OFF ON SLAUGH-TERING LIVING THINGS?
THE WAY YOU WERE BEFORE SCARED ME, HIMARI.
HIMARI!
HMPH...

...I'LL WORK ON IT.
FUWA (WAFT)
SHE'LL WORK ON IT...?
WHY DOESN'T SHE REASSURE ME AND SAY IT'S NOT TRUE?
HIMARI...

BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, I HAVE TO HURRY!!
I HAVE TO WARN SHIZUKU AND KAYA!!
YUUTO, WATCH OUT!!
HUFF! HUFF!
!
RINKO?
DO (BOOM)
DO
DO
DO
DO
WH... WHAT ON EARTH!?
PILLARS...!?

OH, HE'S STILL ALIVE.
YUUTO, HURRY UP AND GET OVER HERE!!
GAKU
GAKU
GAKU (WOBBLE)
ZA (SKUFF)

WHAT ARE YOU ...!?
WHA... WH- WHA...?
HEY, MIS- TER ...
LET'S PLAY.
GAKU
GAKU
GAKU
GAKU (WOBBLE)

MENAGERIE 12: CAT-LOSES HER HEAD, BOY GETS HIS HEAD TOGETHER

YOU'RE DOING PRETTY WELL FOR TWO-ON-ONE!
DO YOU WANT TO PROTECT YOUR BELOVED MASTER THAT MUCH, DEMON CAT!!?
EVEN IF IT'S A DAIDARABOCCHI I'M DEALING WITH, I WON'T ALLOW IT TO DESTROY THE HOUSE.
A ZASHIKI-WARASHI GUARDS THE HOUSE.
AFTER GOING THROUGH ALL THE TROUBLE OF GETTING TO THE AMAKAWA HOUSE, IT'S THE LEAST I CAN DO.

GUOOOO (GROOOOAN)
VUUN (SWOOSH)
TAN (TMP)
KUH
DAN (TMP)
SHUBA (WHIP)
TCH!!

U-FU-FU... I MIGHT NOT EVEN HAVE TO GO.
I'M NOT LETTING YOU NEAR THE YOUNG LORD, HINO-ENMA.
ZA! (ZSH)
NI! (SNEER)
BY NOW, SASA SHOULD HAVE LAID THAT DEMON SLAYER WELL TO WASTE.
WHAT... DID YOU SAY?

MENAGERIE 12:
CAT LOSES HER HEAD,
BOY GETS HIS HEAD TOGETHER

YUUTO, GET AWAY!!
I'VE GOT A REALLY BAD FEELING ABOUT THAT THING!
GAKU (WOBBLE)
GAKU
MISTER, PLAY WITH ME. ♡
GAKU
I'M GONNA SMASH YOU WITH A PILLAR, AND ALL YOUR BLOOD'S GONNA GO FLYIN' OUTTA YOU, AND THEN YOU'RE GONNA DIE, AND I'M GONNA WIN... HEE-HEE.
SU (LIFT)
GOOOOO (WOOOO)
UH... WAAAH!

ZUBAN (SLICE)

PICHON (PLIP)
ぴゅちゅん
MY WATER PISTOL CAN HURT A LOT, YOU KNOW...
I WON'T LET YOU TOUCH ANOTHER PERSON'S MAN...YOU KNOW.

SHIZUKU!!
PHEW
TCH...
THERE'S NOT MUCH WATER LEFT IN THIS OLD WELL, BUT IT SHOULD BE ENOUGH TO SHUT UP THAT IPPONDATARA,* YOU KNOW...
I STAYED UP ALL NIGHT READING DOCUMENTS. DON'T TIRE ME OUT EVEN MORE...YOU KNOW.
THANKS, SHIZUKU. YOU SAVED ME.
NOW GET INSIDE THE HOUSE PRONTO, YOU KNOW...
UH...
BUT I CAN'T HAVE YOU GOING AHEAD AND DYING ON ME...YOU KNOW.
!
YOU RAN AWAY WITH YOUR TAIL BETWEEN YOUR LEGS, YUUTO AMAKAWA.

*THE IPPONDATARA IS A FAMOUS MONSTER FROM JAPANESE LEGEND THAT HAS ONLY ONE LEG.

I CAN SEE IT FROM HERE.
THAT GIANT CREATURE AND HIMARI ARE BATTLING IT OUT RIGHT NOW, AREN'T THEY?
KAYA...
YOU LEFT HIMARI AND RAN AWAY TO SAFETY...
DEN DEN
SO YOU'RE SAYING IT'S TWO AGAINST ONE!?
AND THAT'S NOT ALL! THERE'S A HINOENMA AYAKASHI WITH HER TOO!
K...KAYA-CHAN...
HOW DARE YOU CALL YOURSELF AN HEIR TO THE AMAKAWA FAMILY OF DEMON SLAYERS!?
YOU LEFT HIMARI IN A SITUATION LIKE THAT AND RAN AWAY TO SAVE YOUR OWN SKIN!

IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO HIMARI...
...I'LL RIP YOU TO SHREDS AND SPRINKLE WHAT'S LEFT OF YOU OVER THE MOUNTAIN!!
...I DIDN'T COME HERE TO HIDE IN THE HOUSE.
I WAS GOING TO BRING HER HELP.
I DON'T BELIEVE YOU!!
I CAN HANDLE THE IPPON-DATARA... YOU KNOW.
IF THE ZASHIKI-WARASHI LEAVES THE HOUSE, SHE'LL JUST BE AN ORDINARY KID... SHE DOESN'T HAVE A CHOICE...
YOU'RE RIGHT. IT TOOK ME A WHILE TO REALIZE IT, BUT...
...THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN HELP HIMARI NOW IS ME.

WH... WHAT'RE YOU SAYING!? YOU CAN'T, YUUTO! IT'S TOO DANGER-OUS!!
BA (GRAB)
RINKO.
YOU'D DO THE SAME THING IF YOU WERE ME, RIGHT, RINKO?
I CAN'T JUST LEAVE HER BY HER-SELF.
I KNOW. YOU'RE A FAN OF HUMANITY, AND JUST CE'R NKO
Y...YEAH. TH-THAT'S TRUE, BUT...
...STILL.
UUUH
TAKE THAT WITH YOU.
EVEN A STICK LIKE THAT COULD SAVE YOU DEPENDING ON THE CIRCUM-STANCES... YOU KNOW.
PASH! (CATCH)
!

IF YOU DON'T LIKE THE SOUND OF IT, JUST TAKE CARE NOT TO LET THAT HAPPEN... YOU KNOW.
NEVER COME BACK?
TA (TAP)
WE'RE AYAKASHI. AND CATS HAVE A NATURAL INSTINCT TO HUNT...
IF HER HEART IS OVERTAKEN BY AN URGE TO KILL, SHE MIGHT NEVER COME BACK... YOU KNOW.
YOU SAID IT. I'LL USE IT TO DRIVE BACK THE ENEMY AND MAKE YOU AND HIMARI PROUD.
ATTA-GIRL
AND THERE'S ONE MORE THING.
UH SHOW ME WHAT YOU GOT YOU KNOW
...NOW WHERE WERE WE?
PACHA (SPLISH)
...THAT WAS LIKE A CHEAP PERFORMANCE. SUCH FUN... HEE.
ZA (ZIP)
ZA
MY WATER WILL SPLIT EVERYTHING AND PIERCE ALL THAT STAND BEFORE ME...
YOUR CURTAIN HAS BEEN RAISED ON THIS STAGE, BUT... I WILL TEAR IT RIGHT DOWN...YOU KNOW!

SFX: GAKU (WOBBLE) GAKU

WITH HIMARI ALWAYS PROTECT-ING ME, I'VE BEEN SPOILED.
THAT'S RIGHT. I WAS RUNNING AWAY.
I TRIED TO THINK OF SOMETHING I COULD DO BUT ENDED UP BACKING OUT WITH THE EXCUSE THAT I'M JUST A HUMAN, SO WHAT COULD I DO?
EVEN THOUGH I PREACH ABOUT LIVING IN PEACE WITH THE AYA-KASHI, WHEN THAT DOESN'T WORK OUT, I LEAVE IT TO HIMARI TO CLEAN UP THE MESS.
HIMARI, I'M COMING FOR YOU RIGHT NOW, SO HOLD ON!!

SFX: ZA (ZIP) ZA ZA ZA
AH-HA-HA. YOU'RE CUTTING IT CLOSE, CRIMSON BLADE.
I DO NOT HAVE TIME TO FOOL AROUND WITH YOUR KIND.
FORGO THIS EFFORT.
ZAZA
IF YOU DO NOT BACK DOWN, THEN I WILL RESORT TO FORCE!!
OUT OF MY WAY!
BAK!
BAK! (CRACK)
!

ZUZA
(SLICE)
GA
(GRAB)
ZUSHAA
(SPLAT)
SHI...

I WAS CARE-LESS ...!
BA BAH.
YOUNG LORD, FORGIVE ME...
DOKA (STAB)

Y... YOUNG LORD!
HA-HA... I MADE IT~!
WELL, WELL. SO SASA DIDN'T FINISH YOU OFF, EH?
I... I CAN'T LET A GIRL GO PROTECTING ME ALL THE TIME...
Y-YOU FOOL! WHY DID YOU COME BACK HERE!?
...I HAD TO SHOW YOU I COULD BE A MAN TOO... SEE?
FOR ALL THE TIMES YOU'VE PRO-TECTED ME...

Y-YOU DOLT. I'M SUPPOSED TO PROTECT YOU...!
NURU (SLICK)
WH... WHAT IS THIS?
DOKUN (BADUM)
WHAT IS THIS RED SUB-STANCE...?
YOUNG LORD... WHAT IS THAT PRO-TRUDING FROM YOUR BACK...?

AAAAAAH!!
WHAT A BACKWARD WAY TO END THINGS.
HOW EXQUISITE. AND HIS BLOOD LOOKS OH SO DELICIOUS. ♡
YOU WERE PROTECTED BY THE VERY ONE YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO PROTECT...
ドクーン
DOKUN (BADUM)
HOLD ON, YOUNG LORD...
YOU PROTECTED ME...
NO...
ドクドクーン
DOKUN
DOKUN

I'LL KILL YOU!
I'LL KILL YOU!!
...HA.
YOUNG LORD.
YOUNG LORD.
YOUNG LORD...
ドン
DON
ドン
DON
EEEK!!

DAIDARA-BO...!
WHAT... THE...!?
IT CAN'T BE...
ZUBA (PLUNGE)
HIMARI...?
WHAT IS THIS...? HIMARI'S NOT ACTING LIKE HER-SELF...!

IF HER HEART IS OVERTAKEN BY AN URGE TO KILL, SHE MIGHT NEVER COME BACK... YOU KNOW.
...D-DON'T! HIMARI, STOP!!
GA (GRAB)
EEK...
DIE. DIE.
DIE!!
GAKII (CLASH)
STOP IT, HIMARI!!

KA

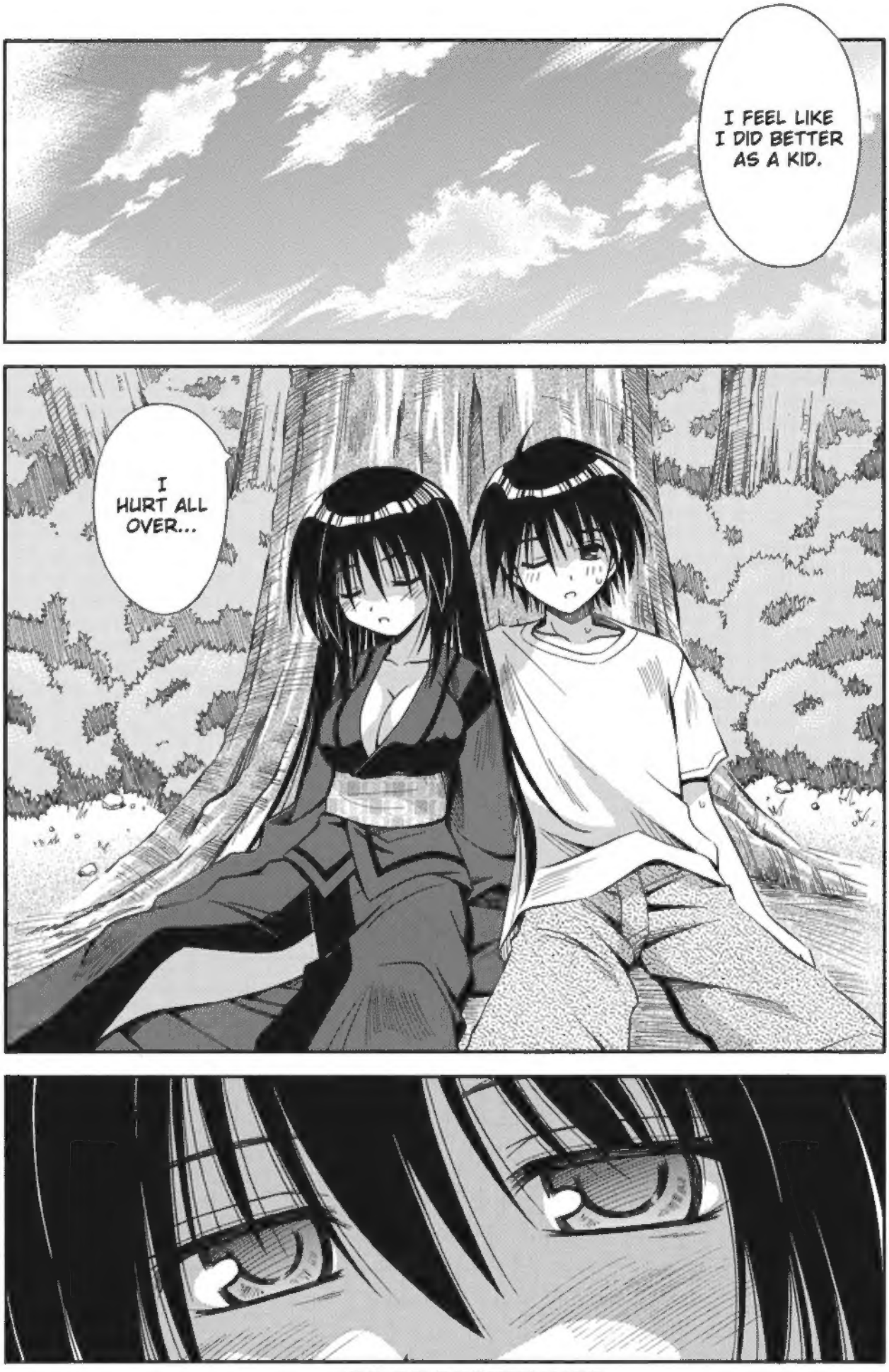
KA
(FLASH)

YUUTO...
THE POWER OF THE NOIHARA CRIMSON BLADE AND THE AMAKAWAS...
I FINALLY GOT TO SEE IT.

I DIDN'T DO IT TO PROTECT YOU.
WH-WHY DID YOU...?
KARAN (CLACK)
I DID IT TO KEEP HIMARI FROM LOSING ANY MORE CONTROL.
...HIMARI ALWAYS FOUGHT FOR ME LIKE IT WAS NO BIG DEAL, BUT HER FIGHTS RUN REAL RISKS.
I...I'LL LET YOU OFF THE HOOK FOR TODAY...!
ZAZAZA (RUSTLE)
I NEVER REALIZED IT BEFORE.

I DON'T WANT HIMARI TO BECOME SOMEONE WHO ENJOYS FIGHTING.

WHAT CAN I SAY TO HER THAT WILL KEEP THAT FROM HAPPENING?
WHAT CAN I DO TO SAVE HIMARI FROM HERSELF...?



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I REALLY LET MYSELF GET CARRIED AWAY IN THIS SECOND VOLUME. THERE WERE SERIOUS SCENES AND COMEDIC SCENES, BOTH OF WHICH WERE STEEPED WITH EROTIC TONES. I CAN ONLY PROMISE THAT YOU CAN EXPECT MORE PROGRESS IN THAT DIRECTION IN GENERAL FROM ME. (HA!)

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